GOLD FISH READY FOR SPRING FROLIC

Soon to Help Beautify Public Parks.

IN LOTS OF SEVENTY-FIVE

Finny Ones Keep Ponds and Fountains Free From Aquatic

being gotten into shape preparatory

under the charge of George H. Brown, would have killed a smaller man, has landscape gardener for the Department only put more grit into the 'Hon. of Public Buildings and Grounds. The James, custom has been in existence for many "The ears, the original purpose having not reached, at the age of thirty-five, a been for the embellishment of the position which another man, of the same parks, but as a matter of usefumess. It brain power but possessing in addition was found that the placing of the fish in the ponds relieved the Government of the necessity of employing men to heep the water clear and free from miral Dewey, the 'Hon. James' is the

Depends on Weather.

Providing the weather man keeps the temperature at a normal state from now on, the brilliantly colored fish now at the commission buildings will be placed in the ponds about May 15. The temperature of the water at that time of the year has in the past been found warm enough to transfer the animals from their winter quarters without danger to themselves and subsequent

ioss to the Government. The fish will be placed in Frankiin Fark, Judiciary Park, White House fountains, Folger Park, the Government reservation at Thirteenth Street and Pennsylvania, and Stanton Park. In each of these parks, ponds or foun-tains have been built, and during the nams have been built, and during the summer they are used as dwelling places for the finny ones. These ponds and fountains have proven such an attractive addition to the parks that the department is trying to have them built on all the public grounds. To children, particularly, the highly colored fish have been a matter of interest.

Fed Cnce a Week.

A supply of food is thrown in the ponds once a week. This consists of from three to five handsful of boiled rice for each park, and is distributed under direction of Mr. Brown. The fish also sustain themselves on bits of odds good-by. and ends tossed into the water and on the green scum that forms around the edge of the pond. Indeed, it was on account of this habit that they were given a home in the public pleasure grounds, for not only do they eat this weed, but, in addition, keep the water clear and nure.

"The newly-accredited ambassador washington is said to be waiting for him. I have only met him once since he left Samoy. It was in the corridor of the Hongkong Hotel, and he was accompanied by his private secretary, who stood a couple of yards away while the

"Hon. James" Garret, The Consul to Samoy

Humorous Sketch of a Political Office Bestowed Upon Wrong Man and How He Rose to the Emergency.

The following character sketch re-cently appeared in the "Overland China mannscript."

Liail. Its reproduction in The Times "Good morning, Mr. Editor, he said, will doubtless cause much comment and urlosity to know who the "Hon, James" Garret really is:

"The subject of this sketch has lived for such a long time under the pene-Over at the Fish Commission buildings a big school of gold and silver fish trating rays of the searchlight that I am sure he will not mind my poor farthing candle being brought to bear on his most remarkable career. It is pear in your interesting and high-class even possible that he may write to paper. And what is more, I want it all to their annual summer outing. In less than a month they will be dumped out of the huge aquariums, broken up into lots of about seventy-five, and distributed among several of the public tributed among several of the public between the public that ne may write to appear and what is also to appear in one issue. "I looked at his manuscript, counted the sheets, found they numbered ninety-four, and answered: "I tributed among several of the public the constant ridicule of both friend and foe, persists in taking himself seriously. tributed among several of the public the constant ridicule of both friend and pooks, there to frolic in the water and foe, persists in taking himself seriously. to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and is determined to keep his manual to be gazed at until the temperature and the proper the world. His methods of doing high! omfort. so have been exposed over and over The annual distribution of the fish is again; and the consequent ridicule which

> "The result has been that he has a mod.cum of modesty, might with luck most widely-known name in the United

Land of Liberty.

"America-the land of liberty and of people who take liberties with our mother tongue-was about to choose a fresh dictator. The Bird of Freedon was in the throes of indecision. At last, President Cleaver Groveland was selected and endowed with absolute triple-tyrant power for a period of four

"The President appointed a day or which to distribute loot in the shape of judgeships and other good things among his supporters. The latter in-cluded two men with whom we are

vitally concerned. 'One was 'Boss' Garret, a mighty political wire-puller, who had at one time held fifty votes (each one counting two on a division, don't forget) in the bollow of his hand. The other was columns the next days with extracts James Garret, a backwoods reporter, from the letters of indignant and sartwenty-two years of age, who wore spectacles and had needlessly long hair

'When can you start?

"'I shall start this afternoon, Mr.

' 'Good, you're the sort of man I like,

with the Republican party, in which he said, their only hope lay, and ende and the control of the said, their only hope lay, and ende and the control of the said, their only hope lay, and ende and the control of the said o

T've brought a report for you to print. I've taken considerable pains over this report, it's an interesting report, an ex-haustive report, it's no slouch of a report, and I want it well printed." 'With pleasure,' I replied.

terms for printing-'
"'Oh,' he said, 'but I want it to ap-

Printed the Report. "'Oh, in that case-why-certainly," ation was rather under 500, and that this was far too good an offer to miss We arrang d to produce the report in a double number that day week-the report to be set up at once, and the Hon. James' to correct his own proofs. Two days later, he came in and said:

"This repor' will be of the highest importance to the American public and also to the Samoy public. Do you mind writing a leading article on it for the dayble number?"

double number?"
"I wrote a leaderette.
"The next day, he came in again.
"'Look here,' he said, 'the issue seems to be mostly about me, it might just as well be all about me. I want you to leave out all ordinary news that day and'—here he fetched out a sheaf of papers—'put in a few interesting personal paragraphs about my career."

Day of Publication.

ance of the 'Samoy Star' caused much surprise—in some cases pained surprise. I could have filled the 'Local News' columns the next days with extracts from the letters of indignant and sarcastic 'Constant Readers' if 1 had wanted to Before we had dispatched the 5,000 copies to the American embassy, the Hon. James came round to the office to over his forehead and over the back copies to the American embassy, the of his turned-down collar. He had his Hon. James came round to the office to

friend of emperors and kings and admirals and generals, and his speeches and movements, are they not chronicled in the telegrams of Reuter? He has

MAYOR TALBOTT TO BE OPPOSED

Rockville on Eve of Town Election.

RAILROAD TICKET PROBABLE

New Council Will Decide Upon Valuable Franchise-Citizens Aroused Over Situation.

ROCKVILLE Md. April 18.-As the

time of the town election for mayor and ouncil of Rockville draws near the are discussing candidates and propositions as they are related to the readmission of the Washington and Rockvile Railway into the town limits. The citizens no longer have the referendum in matters of granting railroad franchises, this being now in the power of the council alone. For the past week it has been rumored that after the ele tion of the new council in May next, the railroad will again re-enter the town and go to the court house, as hereto-fore. This has met with opposition of the most strenuous kind on the part of the citizens owning property in Mont-"I regret to say that our normal circu- will run, as well as a number of residents of the west end.

Railroad Has Ticket.

The friends of the railroad have virtually agreed upon a ticket, although the names of the men have not been made public. Mayor Hattersly W. Talbott has let it become known that he

Will Be Opposed.

Opponents of the road are not likely "I consented." te support these men. They do not be-"The eventful day arrived, and I have lieve in going to the railroad and asking minister to Washington, who has just no hesitation in saying that the appear-ance of the 'Samoy Star' caused much ditions which it may submit. The op-

Stands Before Kings. "The Hon. James Garret is now the SECRETARY SHAW URGES

Speaks Before Foundry Sunday School

Miss Robinson's Letter Will Tour the World

Woman's College Graduate Writes From India to Class of Sixty-five, Scattered Through Several Countries.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 18.-Mabel | names were arranged alphabetically and LaBarre, of Portland, Warren county, the letter when written was first sen a teacher in a public school of that town, to Frances Connor, of Altoona, Pa., who has just received a letter which was was president of the class. Together written on July (, 1903, and which has been opened and read by twelve other of names, Miss Connor crossed her name young women in various parts of the from the list and mailed it to the next world before it reached her.

Miss LaBarre is a graduate of the going the rounds of that class and has Woman's College of Paltimore of the alread made several long journeys, hav-Among her classmates was ing been sent to Dakota, Massachusetts, Helen Robinson, whose parents were New Mexico, and South America. missionaries in Calcutta. Since Miss Before it has reached the last of

Before it has reached the last one of Robinson was to return to India, it was agreed among the girls in her class that she should write a letter telling of that the reveiations of the letter continuous in that county and that life and love in that county, and that this letter should be sent to each one of the members of her class.

There were sixty-five in the class. The world. come to the knowledge of the outside

NEW ERA IS DAWNING

Senor Fernando Guachalla, of Bolivia, Expects Continent Some Day to Be a United Nation.

FOR SOUTH AMERICA

bott has let it become known that he will stand for re-election, and those spoken of for members of the council, together with Mr. Talbott are Lee Office of the council, boundary disputes, and international difficulties are being settled in a manner that bodes great promise for our country. I look for a time when South a view to reaching more conditions with a view to reaching more conditions.

Venezuela Awakening.

Venezuela has in the past played a turbulent part in South American history, but it is thought she now realizes that bodes great promise for our country. I look for a time when South American will be as one united nations. severely from revolutions and quarrels between individual states."

This statement, made by Senor Ferdeparted for Argentina to take up s work there in the interest of arbitraline with a recently published interview nent South American diplomatist was the probable future consolidation of the

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great nation, similar to that of the United States of North America, he yet holds the view that the future was never so full of promise for a United South America as now, and believes that gradually, but surely, a feeling of comity and good will will make itself feit throughout the entire southern part of the hemisphere, and that the former jangling communities," as Mr. Roosevelt, before he became President, once characterized them, will be living in a state of perfect peace and harmony—a reunited and happy family.

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It will be well for her to get into the "band wagon" as soon as possible to prevent being left in the cold while the other states around her form a combine which might seriously threaten her indepent interests. As a diplomatist here, who has been carefully studying the situation, expressed it:

"If once a movement toward coalition in South America gets under way, it will progress with startling rapidity for the reason that the other states, not immediately concerned, will fear the formation of a preponderating yower and they will hasten to make such good terms as they can with those already allied to prevent their being forced into an alliance or to lose their independence at a later day. There may perhaps be some terrible interstate conflicts before the final union of states is attained, but I believe that a whom is insufsome terrible interstate conflicts before the final union of states is attai.ed, but I believe that such a union is inevitable. Disintegrating tendencies in South America are at end. The twentieth century's influence toward conso...Jation in business, politics and industry has spread south to Uncle Sam's Latin American neighbors."

COLUMBIA, 101, PLACES

Printers' Union Kolds an Exciting Meeting, the Precursor of a Hot Election. .

01, of the International Typographical Union, held an exciting meeting in the Typographical Temple yesterday afternoon, placing in nomination candidates for the offices of the organization to be filled by the election of May 13 next. There will be spirited contests for nearly every office of the union:

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The rollowing momnations were made yesterday: For president, J. T. Herbert and John R. Berg; vice president, W. R. Love, James R. Armstrong, and Charles W. Hersinger; secretary, William M. Garrett and G. G. Selbold; treasurer, James E. Bright, Charles E. Holmes, and Howard G. Brown; auditor, Lewis Vogt, C. W. Radley, and C. W. Carter; for trustees (two to be elected). W. M. Leavitt, George Hubert, Joseph C. Whyte, J. E. Goodkey, and Hugh Everett; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Bates, doorkeeper, N. C. Stoops; delegates to St. Louis from the Government Printing Office (three to be elected). Dan C. Vaughan, William L. Gutelius, F. H. Melick, Frank A. Kidd, Philip S. Steele, F. N. Whitehead, Frank Han, Titus F. Ellis, and Anna C. Wilson; delegate from downtown (one to be elected). Harry C. Knapp and T. C. Parsons; alternates, from the G. P. O., Harry Gwinn, J. Ligon King, and C. H. Buchanan; alternate from downtown, Harry Sauter.

GERMAN OFFICERS TRIED SECRETLY

Only the Verdicts Are Publicly Announced.

WILDEST RUMORS AFLOAT

Many Women in "High Society" Called Upon to Give Evidence its One Case.

BERLIN, April 18.-Courts-martial on officers charged with various offenses are reported from several German cities. Whether the defendants were merely charged with neglect of duties or whether they had to defend themselves against charges as grave as those which Lieutenants Bilse and Bayerlein, in their now famous books, have laid at the door of the German officer, nobody is allowed

The military authorities have adopted the favorite but somewhat antiquated strategy of the German bureaucracymystery. The trials are held behind announced publicly, while the charges are so ambiguously phrased as to mean

much or nothing.

Nor do the various punishments inflicted permit of any inference as to the gravity of the offenses, for what civillans regard as an outrage may be lightly judged in German military circles, and vice versa,

afloat regarding, the recent courts-mor-tial at Magdeburg. In one case, that of Lieutenant Walther Pfeffer, who is said to have led an unusually wild life, ending in his own sudden flight and the simultaneous disappearance of the wife of a brother officer, all the officers of one regiment had to appear as witnesses. Many women moving in high society were also called upon to give evidence. It is said that in consequence of the revelations already made a number of officers will have to leave the service.

LOCAL MENTION.

A Trip to Munich, Germany,

to enjoy its famous beer is unnecessary, when Nat. Cap. Brew. Co.'s "Muenchener"—its exact counterpart—may be had right here at home. 2 doz., \$1.25.

Smoke "Zeffo," union made cigar, 5c.

Three-Burner "Dangler" Gasoline Stove, \$4.50. A. Eberly's Sons, 718 7th nw.

Lace curtains coming in contact with a lighted lamp caused a slight fire in the front room of Sidney Middleton's home, 101 Washington Court northwest, Sac urday atternoon. The fire was discovered by Julia Brown, and extinguished by Crossing Policeman Hughes after N5 damage had been occasioned.

A Good Move.

Monaghan & McGuire, wholesale whiskey dealers and rectifiers, 217 Tenth Street northwest, announce their removal to 621 Seventh Street northwest, a better location and more commodious quarters. This young firm is growing like a green bay tree, and their friends and patrons are numerous. Everyone phophesies much success for them in their new quarters.

Federal Seal at O'Keefe's, 904 Pa, ave

A slight fire occurred in the basement of Harvey's restaurant, at Eleventh Street and Peansylvania Avenue Saturday, Mr. Harvey discovered the blaze, and telephoned to fire aiarm headquarters. Chemical, No. 1, responded to the local alarm, but did not go into commission, as the employes of the place succeeded in extinguishing the fire after slight damage was done.

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